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**Thafer DEVA - Falk CORANI**

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1. There is forwarded herewith a report on the activities of Thafer DEVA at the A.A.I. Camp, San Antonio, Salerno, concerning his recruiting Albanian refugees for the United States Army, as well as DEVA's contact with Falk CORANI, which, according to [ ] makes DEVA somewhat suspect.
2. Attention is called to [ ] a trace on CORANI wherein Fadil KARAKACI (see OTB-6477-Kapch-915) is tied in with Falk CORANI.
3. Field Comments: DEVA has already informed [ ] of the above-mentioned recruiting activity which falls in with his usual duties on behalf of his UNRRA employers.
4. Copy of enclosure is retained in local files.

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FROM SAN ANTONIO (Salerno)

Myslim OSMANAJ, A.A.I Camp (Amministrazione Aiuti Internazionali) San Antonio, Salerno, informed on the 20 June, 1955:

On the 17 June, 1955, has arrived here in the camp of San Antonio, Mr. Xhafer DEVA with an employee of the office of the Polish War Relief. Mr. DEVA has controlled all formularies of those who had registered to emigrate next to the Polish Engineer Mr. DANILOVITCH. He has called them through the loud-speaker of the police of the camp to present themselves and take some notes.

Xhafer DEVA was in the room of an albanian refugee called Faik COBANI and the refugees took some notes there. He spent the whole day in that room and at night left for SALERNO where he slept. On the next day, he came back to the camp and called many persons making them propositions to register in the American Army, putting in evidence that this registration was subordinated to some conditions such: the person who will express his desire to register should sign in for five years, this person will automatically become an american and if he desires to follow on with the military career he can go on.

The following registered:

1. Zyber MATMUJA, from LUMA
2. Ahmet DEMA, from LUMA
3. Zeqir OMURI, from LUMA
4. Etem ZEQRIRI, from KOSOVO

These four have been called in by DEVA personally.

Xhafer DEVA has had a meeting with the elements members of the BKT, OBK and ABK and spoke to them much about his own activity; among others he declared that he had fought against the communists and that if they would have all fought as he, communism would not have existed in Albania, this is to say, if all would have killed as he did.... He said that he was not in the NGFA and that he did not want to be even in it as he doesn't recognize it at all.

The presence of Xhafer DEVA in the camp of San Antonio has created a strange impression, and all have been quite astonished that Mr. DEVA has the authorization to register elements for the American Army. Are you \_\_\_\_\_ in the knowledge of such an authorization to Mr. DEVA? DEVA also declared in his discussions that he could be very bad too! The albanian refugees have talked much of this declaration!

Note of \_\_\_\_\_

Faik COBANI, is from LIBOHOVA, aged 36. Has worked with the communists from 1942 to 1944. Has fought in BERAT with a team of 25 men at his disposal. The commander of his battalion has been Gjin MARKU from KTHELLA (MIRDITA) now a general. On the German capitulation, Faik COBANI was officer of the V Brigade of Partisans (his wife too, she is in Italy with him) when he entered SHKODER he was charged by his commander to make an appeal to all nationalists to surrender and collaborate, making them promises they would be graced.

Faik COBANI has a sister in Albania, who participated in the Partisan War and shot Shaban HLEZI a former Lt. of the Gendarmerie.

Faik COBANI has a brother in Albania, Captain of the Security.

Member of the ABK (Dosti faction)

Fadil KARAKACI and Faik COBANI have relations with Amedeo ZITA, the Commissaire of the Italian Communist Party in San Antonio and Pontecagnano. ZITA is in contact with the Communists in Rome who are in charge of the liaison with the F.R.A. Legation in Rome.